



CHURCH OF SAINT LUKE LENDING LIBRARY

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Our Mission

To provide Christian resources that will spark spiritual growth and development for every St. Luke parishioner.



Our Community Library Policies

Our Lending Library works on the honor system. Choose a book that you are interested in reading, log it out on the sign-out sheet and once read, return the book in the BOOK RETURN basket.

- Books can be signed out for up to a month, but we ask that you return them once read (extended time frame allowed for Lent and Advent book selections).
- Because we are a small library with a limited number of books, we ask that you only take one book out at a time.
- Each book contains a Lending Library bookmark. There is a space at the top of the bookmark where you can write the date that the book should be returned by.
- Please do not underline, highlight or write in the books.

We honor you by providing the best of Catholic reading. Please honor us by returning the books promptly so that they can be shared among all parishioners.

June Featured Books

Stop by the Lending Library and pick up a FREE laminated St. Joseph prayer card for Fatherhood!

Manual for Spiritual Warfare

by Paul Thigpen

This guide for spiritual warriors will help you recognize, resist, and overcome the Devil's attacks.

Part One, "*Preparing for Battle*," answers these critical questions:

- Who is Satan, and what powers does he have?
- What are his typical strategies?
- Who fights him alongside us in battle?
- What spiritual weapons and armor do we possess?
- How do we keep the Enemy out of our camp?

Part Two, "*Aids in Battle*," provides you these essential resources:

- Teaching about spiritual warfare from Scripture and Church documents
- Scripture versus for battle
- Wisdom and inspiration from saints who fought Satan
- Prayers for protection, deliverance, and victory
- Rosary meditations, hymns, and other devotions for spiritual combat

St. Paul urges us to "fight the good fight of the faith" (1 Tim 6:12). Take this Manual for Spiritual Warfare with you into battle.

Through the Heart of St. Joseph

by Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB

Though he speaks no words in Scripture, St. Joseph's message to us is resounding: he wants to lead us to Jesus. In *Through the Heart of St. Joseph*, Fr. Boniface Hicks reveals the path St. Joseph has laid.

Discover how St. Joseph's vulnerability, littleness, silence, and hiddenness can transform and heal us. Fr. Hicks also looks to the saints who lived the "Joseph Option" to show how we too can embrace a life of humble trust and steadfast courage.

Through the Heart of St. Joseph proves with quiet conviction that if we entrust ourselves to the foster father of Our Lord, he will give us his love and protection—just as he gave it to Jesus.

Devotion of the Month: The Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Sacred Heart of Jesus has a cross, flames, crown of thorns, and blood. Each of these has special meaning so that we can remember His love for us. The cross points to His sacrifice, the flames are His purifying passion, the crown of thorns reminds us of His suffering and kingship, and the blood reminds us of the side wound during His death. He spilled all of His blood for us.



June Dates to Remember

- 06/05/22: Pentecost Sunday
- 06/06/22: Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church
- 06/12/22: Most Holy Trinity
- 06/13/22: St. Anthony of Aqua - Patron of Lost Things
- 06/19/22: Feast of Corpus Christi / Father's Day
- 06/23/22: Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- 06/24/22: Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 06/25/22: Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 06/27/22: Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- 06/28/22: St. Irenaeus - Patron of Catechists
- 06/29/22: Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul
- 06/30/22: First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

Saint Joseph's Journey

St. Joseph is often referred to as a "Hidden Saint". While he is mentioned in the Gospels, no words he spoke were included in the New Testament and little information about him is available. Bible scholars differ in how old St. Joseph was when he became engaged to Mary. Some believe that he was a young man of eighteen to twenty years old which was the most common age for a Jewish man to take a wife. Other scholars believe he might have been older. What is known is that St. Joseph was a carpenter by trade and he was not a wealthy man. When he and Mary brought Jesus to the Temple for the Presentation. Instead of bringing a lamb to be sacrificed, St. Joseph brought two doves, which was the acceptable replacement if a family could not afford a lamb. Scholars believe he died sometime before Jesus started his public ministry. In order to discover more about St. Joseph, Bible scholars recommend observing St. Joseph's actions as documented in the Gospels. If you would like to learn more about this amazing "Hidden Saint" the **Lending Library** has several new titles: *St. Joseph and His World* by Mike Aquilina, *Through the Heart of St. Joseph* by Father Boniface Hicks OSB, and *The Life & Glories of St. Joseph* by Edward Healy Thompson.

If your family would like to honor St. Joseph in your home during the year, St. Luke Church has a framed image of St. Joseph that is blessed and was purchased by a parishioner's family. This picture, as well as a small table top statue of St. Joseph sleeping, are available for parish families to take home. A binder is also included that contains additional information and prayers to St. Joseph.

If you would like to honor St. Joseph in your home, please contact the Parish Office for details.



St. Joseph, Terror of Demons
by Bernadette Carstensen (2020)
Commissioned by
Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC



What is Pentecost Sunday and What are YOUR Gifts?

On the **Feast of Pentecost**, Christians commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles after nine days of prayer, gathered around the Mother of the Lord (Acts Chapter 2). The feast is celebrated on the 50th and final day of the Easter season. This year, **Pentecost** falls on Sunday, June 5, 2022.

We receive the gifts (or charism) of the Holy Spirit during Baptism and Confirmation but do you know what your gifts are? The Catechism (CC951) tells us "*Within the communion of the Church, the Holy Spirit distributes special graces among the faithful of every rank for the building up of the Church. Now, to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*" Scripture gives us a list of some of these gifts.

There are about 20-24 that most people agree upon, according to what is in the Bible. We are given these gifts or charism by the Holy Spirit for 2 reasons: for our own holiness that we might be saints, and to build up the body of Christ, our Church.

So how do you know what your gifts are? There are a few different places you can go to help discern them. (This process is not infallible, but only a starting point in your journey of discernment.) Recently, there was a **Spiritual Gifts Conference** that provided a 100-question Quiz that helped us to discern our gifts. See '**Your Resources**' below to access Quiz (free of charge), in addition to other helpful links.

The Church is calling all Catholics to participate in a new evangelization, and your gifts empower you to play an essential role. **YOU** are needed to bring about the renewal of our Church by using and sharing your gifts! In the words of St. John Paul II, "*Whenever the Spirit intervenes, he leaves people astonished. He brings about events of amazing newness.*"

Let us together renew our Church!

Your Resources:

- You can still access this survey (up until Pentecost) at: <https://www.biblestudyevangelista.com/spiritual-gifts-inventory/>
Don't wait...just do it! Click on "Take the Quiz." At the end of the Quiz, it will give you a list of Spiritual Gifts. Make sure that you either print out or screen print the list, so you can reference it. Your more dominant gifts are in the five. I had a few surprises when I completed the Quiz. The website also provides you with a description of each spiritual gift.
- You can also read more about the spiritual gifts and how to use them in your life with each of these links:
 - 1) <https://www.tyndale.com/sites/unfoldingfaithblog/2018/11/13/your-spiritual-gifts-how-to-identify-and-effectively-use-them/>
 - 2) <https://siena.org/charisms-faq>
- If you want to go much deeper, you can also reference the **Catherine of Siena Institute** website for their in depth process of discernment at (there is a fee for their discernment process): <https://siena.org/called-gifted>
- Check out the **Lending Library** for new titles on the Holy Spirit and discernment now available!

Look for more information, in future issues, on discerning your gifts and how to translate them into action in our Parish!

The Pope's Intention for June

Families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, You are the source of every grace and blessing. I adore You and I love You. I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings this day and every day. Jesus I trust in You.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), a French Catholic nun, was instrumental in spreading devotion to the Sacred Heart after she had visions of Jesus beginning in 1673, when Jesus asked her to have a special feast established in honor of His Sacred Heart.

Catholics dedicate the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in veneration and in gratitude for His merciful heart and His redeeming love for mankind. Holy masses, novenas, and the recitation of devotional prayers in honor of the Sacred Heart are traditionally observed by the faithful devotees.

Events



Eucharistic Revival

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has formed a special team of priests to send out on a mission of vital importance to the Church and to the nation.

These 60 [Eucharistic preachers](#) will form the “front line” of the Church’s Eucharistic Revival, a three-year grassroots initiative aimed at increasing devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The three-year Eucharistic Revival program will include three tiers: parish, diocesan, and nationwide.

In November of 2021, following the publication of a [Pew Research](#) survey that found a decline in the number of Catholics who believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, the [bishops voted](#) to conduct a Eucharistic Revival. Beginning on June 19, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, and culminating in the Eucharistic Congress in 2024, the effort aims to stoke the fires of faith in Catholics and attract others to the Church.

Throughout the next three years, the Diocese of Norwich and its parishes will foster a deeper love for the Holy Eucharist among the faithful. To kick off the event, Boston’s Eucharistic Congress in Lowell, MA, is scheduled for June 18th. For more information and tickets to the event, please see: <https://www.evangelizeboston.com/eucharistic-congress/>

If you are unable to attend the event, look for an upcoming virtual Eucharistic Conference by VCC coming in August. More information to come in a future [Lending Library](#) issue!

Confraternity of Saint Joseph Men’s Group

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

**Next Meeting: June 15, 2022
6:30 PM in St. Luke’s Parish Center**

A small group of diverse men from the Parish have been meeting monthly (*3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center*) to discuss the life and legacy of St. Joseph. We use a book to provide information for the discussion. Knowledge of St. Joseph is not required to attend.

If you are interested in learning more, please come to our next meeting. All men and young men of the Parish are welcome!

For more information, contact Jack Schirra at: **860-830-7853**

Pentecost Mass of Healing and Hope

(spiritual, emotional, psychological)

Sunday, June 5, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

Church of the Holy Family, 185 Church St, Hebron

Mass celebrated by Fr. Ray Introvigne

With healing prayers by Judith Hughes

Fr. Ray and Judith will also be available for those needing individual prayer.

For more information contact Andrea Hoisl at: faithevents@norwichdiocese.net or **(860) 848-2237 ext. 203**

Called to Holiness

Silent Retreat & Spiritual Direction

June 17-19, 2022

**Immaculate Conception Center
600 Liberty Highway, Putnam, CT 06260**

A retreat for Catholics seeking to renew and deepen their faith. “Called to Holiness” is a team-guided retreat, with **Marian Father Allen Alexander** serving as the lead retreat guide. Meals are included for all. Retreatants have the option to sleep at the retreat center or commute from home. **To register: 860-928-7955**

For more information visit: <https://www.marian.org/events/event.php?em=em1308&id=1739&source=EMAIL-EVENT-1739-BUTTON>

Virtual Summer Mission

**Kicking off the Eucharistic Revival
Exploring the Presence of Jesus in the Mass**

Join the Office of Faith Events for the *Virtual Summer Mission* as we explore the modes of Christ’s presence in the Mass to kick-off the **Eucharistic Revival**. The Summer Mission will be exploring the presence of Jesus in the Mass.

Wednesday - June 1, 8, 15, 22 at 7:00 p.m.

To register contact Marianne Nicholas at:

manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or **(860) 848-2237 ext. 304**

Brothers In Christ

A Men’s *Virtual* Faith, Prayer, and Discussion Group

The Men’s Group is a virtual event on Webex from
7:00PM - 7:45PM

Scheduled for every *Second Thursday of the Month*,
Next Session is June 9, 2022

To register contact Liza Roach at:

lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call **(860) 848-2237 ext. 305**

Retreat for CAREGIVERS

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 from 9:30 - 12:00

Sacred Heart Church, Groton

56 Sacred Heart Drive

(Meeting room attached to the rectory.)

An opportunity for caregivers to share their thoughts, feelings and frustrations with others who have similar shared experiences.

**Facilitator: Andrea Hoisl, Diocesan Director,
Office of Faith Events**

To register contact: manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or **(860) 848-2237 ext. 203 -- before June 1, 2022**

NEW Titles in our Lending Library

New books by subject and title...make sure you check off the ones you want to read! Which one will you read next?

Holy Spirit:

- Come, Holy Spirit* by Fr. Don Dolindo Ruotolo
- Fire From Above - Christian Contemplation and Mystical Wisdom* by Dr. Anthony L. Lilles
- Just Rest - A Study of the Exodus-Receiving God's Renewing Presence in the Deserts of Your Life* by Sonja Corbitt
- Lord, Renew Your Wonders - Spiritual Gifts for Today* by Damian Stayne
- True Devotion to the Holy Spirit* by Luis M. Martinez

St. Joseph:

- A Manual of Practical Devotion to St. Joseph* by Father Patrignani, S.J.
- The Life & Glories of Saint Joseph* by Edward Healy Thompson, M.A.
- Man Your Post - Learning to Lead Like Saint Joseph* by Duane & Carrie Dann
- Saint Joseph Prayer Book* by Tan Books
- St. Joseph and His World* by Mike Aquilina
- Through the Heart of St. Joseph* by Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB

Men's Titles:

- Ancient Wisdom, Living Free - Lessons I Learned from the Fathers of the Church* by John Michael Talbot
- BeDADitudes - 8 Ways to Be an Awesome Dad* by Greg Popcak
- Behold the Man - A Catholic Vision of Male Spirituality* by Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers
- Catholic Dad - (Mostly) Funny Stories of Faith, Family, and Fatherhood To Encourage and Inspire* by Jake Frost
- My Brother, The Pope* by Georg Ratzinger
- Of Men and Mary - How Six Men Won the Greatest Battle of Their Lives* by Christine Watkins
- Real Men Pray the Rosary - A Practical Guide to a Powerful Prayer* by David N. Calvillo
- Still Amidst the Storm* by Conor Gallagher

Prayer:

- The Ave Prayer Book for Catholic Mothers* by Ave Maria Press
- Catholic Prayer Book* by OSV (LARGE PRINT)

Saints:

- St. Michael and the Angels* by Tan Books
- The Rule of Saint Benedict* by St. Benedict
- This Present Paradise - A Spiritual Journey with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity* by Claire Dwyer

General Topic:

- Manual for Spiritual Warfare* by Paul Thigpen
- The Afterlife - Purgatory and Heaven Explained* by Fr. Don Dolindo Ruotolo